

## Unit 4: The Virginia Dynasty and the Era of Good Feelings

### Readings:

- Pageant, Chapters 11-12
- The Revolution of 1800 and the Principles of Ninety-Eight
- Handouts

### Themes:

- The peaceful transfer of power from one party to another.
- Changes in party positions.
- National growth and the growth of nationalism.

### Content:

- Jefferson's "Revolution of 1800"
  - Changes in Party Positions
  - Louisiana Purchase
  - Diplomatic Problems
- War of 1812: Causes, Conduct, Consequences
  - Era of Good Feelings
  - Rise of Nationalism
  - Diplomatic Achievements
- Marshall Court rulings and precedents
- Monroe Doctrine

### Major Assignments and Assessments:

- Students make oral presentations to the class. Selected students prepare a brief description of one of the court cases. Students should include information that clearly identifies the participants, the issues, the decision, and its significance. The reports are to last no longer than 12 minutes.
  - 1803-*Marbury v. Madison*                      1819-*McCulloch v. Maryland*
  - 1807-*United States v. Aaron Burr*        1821-*Cohens v. Virginia*
  - 1810-*Fletcher v. Peck*                        1824-*Gibbons v. Ogden*
  - 1816-*Martin v. Hunter's Lessee*        1831-*Cherokee Nation v. Georgia*
  - 1819-*Dartmouth College v. Woodward*        1832-*Worcester v. Georgia*
- Prepare an annotated timeline of this unit as you study each day. Include dates, people, events, acts, etc. Due on the day of the Unit Exam.
- Presidential Outlines: Jefferson, Madison, Monroe. Due the day of discussion. (See Handout)
- Answer each essay question in outline form. Due day of Unit Exam.
  - "The day France takes possession of New Orleans we must marry ourselves to the British fleet and nation," remarked President Jefferson. Why was he so alarmed?

- Which do you think was the major cause of the War of 1812: western war hawk territorial expansion, British violations of American neutrality rights on the high seas, or the urge to uphold national honor and pride? Justify your selection.
- Which do think was the most significant event of the decade following the treaty of Ghent: panic of 1819, *McCulloch v. Maryland*, Florida Purchase Treaty, Missouri Compromise, Monroe Doctrine? Justify your selection.
- The Role of the Judiciary in the Creation of the National State.
- Coming Together-Nationalism Ascendant.

### **Classes:**

1: Election of 1800; Federalist; Louisiana Purchase

- Pageant: Chapter 11

2: Jefferson's Foreign Policy; Madison's Presidency

- Pageant: Chapter 11

3. The War of 1812: Causes, Battles, Results; The Era of Good Feelings;

- Pageant: Chapter 12
- Quiz

4: Oral Presentations-Court Cases

- *Marbury v. Madison; United States v. Aaron Burr*
- *Fletcher v. Peck; Martin v. Hunter's Lessee*
- *Dartmouth College v. Woodward; McCulloch v. Maryland*
- *Cohens v. Virginia; Gibbons v. Ogden*
- *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia; Worcester v. Georgia*
- Quiz

5: Unit Exam on Unit 4